

THE CALEDONIAN.

LOCAL AND STATE ITEMS.

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1867.

We endeavor to make the Caledonian valuable for our news; and our friends in Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties will confer a great favor to all by contributing to the interest of the paper by sending us local items in a brief, legal form.

Agents for the Caledonian.

Bartlett	J. D. ADAMOTTE,
Burke	WM. W. GROUT,
Burke	H. R. GROGAN,
Burke	S. H. GROGAN,
Burke West	S. B. KWITTL,
Cordwood, West	J. E. WOODRUY,
Cordwood, West	P. B. LARIN,
Dorothy	J. S. BATES, 26,
Groton	H. S. BROWN,
Hartford, Vt.	H. G. GORDON,
Haven, East	C. D. HUNSON,
Island Pond	W. H. M. TURNER, JR.
Lakeville Center	I. W. SAMBORN,
Lakeville	F. E. SLESHY,
Melvin's Falls	H. MORSE,
New Haven	E. WOODRUY,
Perkins	M. M. WATKINS,
Stoddard	MOSIAH,
Southbury	W. M. DEMPSTER,
Watertown	JOHN FRY, Jr.
Wheeler	W. M. CHASE.

Brief Locals.

Mr. E. F. Brown lost a good cow on Friday night last. She had the same trouble as the others that have died here.

The petitioners for a daily mail between this place and Waterford have succeeded in securing the approval of the purpose by the general post office department.

—See advertisement of Dr. Crabtree.

—Go to Bingham's and get a glass of ice cold soda, drawn from the Arctic Soda Fountain.

—Careless use of Firearms.

Another narrow escape from death by the use of firearms recently occurred in this place. Some boys were firing rifles and a ball from one of them passed within a foot of a lady's head. The lady was at a distance of about fifty rods from the boys. Last year a rifle ball passed into one of the houses in the village, just grazing the body of one of the inmates. Other instances of like character have happened, and some of our people have become fearful of the habit of firing guns and pistols within the limits of the village, and have applied to the trustees to enforce the provision of the by-laws upon the subject. The article of the by-laws is as follows: "It shall not be lawful for any person to fire any gun, pistols, spurs, crackers, canon or swivel, nor throw any fire-balls within the streets or common of this village, unless by leave of the trustees, on payment of a fine not exceeding five dollars for each offence." It is thus the evil complained of ceased, and the trustees of the village are ready to cause the penalty for the infraction of the law to be enforced. They ask any person who may witness a transgression of the provision of the law in regard to the use of guns and pistols to report to them, that the penalty may be enforced upon the offender.

Pistols are often seen in the hands of boys, and we venture to suggest to the parents of all boys that, by allowing them to use them, they endanger the lives of our citizens, and perhaps their own. Let the evil cease. Other persons, too, who fire firearms beyond the limits of the village, should be careful that they do not point their shots towards it. Very few people seem hardly to be aware that a ball from some of our modern rifles may travel at a distance of a mile or more. They should therefore be discharged only towards a hill or place where the ball will not endanger life.

—County Conference.

The Congregational County Conference will be held at E. Burke, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11th and 12th.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

L. Sermon, Tuesday 10 A. M.

H. Creeds and conditions of church membership, Tuesday 11 A. M.

Open discussion, 11 A. M.

III. Sabbath school anniversary, Tuesday 2 P. M.

IV. Essay. Does God exact a particular portion of a Christian's property for benevolent uses, Tuesday 4 P. M. Open discussion.

V. Prayer meeting, Tuesday 7 P. M.

VI. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 A. M.

VII. Evening Home Evangelization, Wednesday 9 A. M. Open discussion.

VIII. Reports from churches, Wednesday 10 A. M.

IX. Sacrament, Wednesday 2 P. M.

Caledonia County Court.

HON. BENJ. H. STEELE, JUDGE.

Hon. Wm. B. Palmer, Associate Judge.

Hon. F. B. Carpenter, Associate Judge.

GRAND JURORS.

Burke, John Matthews; Burke, Chas.

F. A. Humphreys; Danville, Wm. J.

Stanton, Charles Crane; Groton, Isaac N.

Hall; Hardwick, Ward S. Bailey; Kirby;

Huntington, D. Young; Lyndon, John H.

Hoyt; Newark, Simon B. Corliss; Peacham, O. P. Hooker; Ryegate; John Bigelow; Shelburne, Joel Chesley; St. Johnsbury, John Higgins; John Bacon, 2d; Sutton, Jacob B. Gordon; Walden, John E. Stevens; Waterford, John Caswell; Wheeler, Wm. Cleare.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

A fine specimen of the bald eagle was

killed on the farm occupied by A. Bouillon in Highgate on Saturday, the 25th

The "royal bird" fell from the

charge of a shot gun loaded with common shot, in the hands of Charles Best. He

measured seven feet from tip to tip of wings.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

The Congregationalist society at Barton

are to erect a \$2500 parsonage this season.

The Methodists at the same place are

also greatly improving theirs.

The first experiment was

upon a pile of shavings and small pieces

of wood. The second upon a pile of fifteen keg barrels. Shavings were put into the barrels, and sprinkled with kerosene. After the fire had pretty well enveloped the pile it was played upon by the extinguisher, and in a minute's time put entirely out. A building, ten or twelve feet high and twelve to fourteen square, shavings and kerosene barrels in side, and sprinkled with kerosene, was then set on fire. When the fire covered the roof and the outside, two extinguishers were used to put it out. This was entirely done in about sixty seconds.

The general agent, Mr. Phlakian, made a short speech to the some two thousand witnesses of the exhibition. He said that the proprietors did not claim that, with their present apparatus, a fire under favorable circumstances would be checked by it, but that, for use in factories, shops and single buildings, was effective in subduing fire until it had become extended. The experiments of the occasion demonstrated the truthfulness of Mr. Phlakian's claim. Until the capacity of the extinguisher becomes greatly enlarged it will not answer the purpose of checking large fires, nor become substitute for the common fire engines in use, in many cases would effectively subdue their use.

The County Court.

The trial term commenced in this place last Tuesday, Judge Steele, chief judge, and Messrs. Carpenter and Palmer assistants. The dockets is a large one, and in ruling it we noticed that a large number of the cases were set for trial by jury. With the numerous cases, together with the criminal, the court will show their ability for the "despatch of business" after they finish it all during three weeks.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

This day was quite generally given up

to display and amusements.

It was day of the annual exhibition of the department and the military of the place. The three fire companies were out with their engines and the Hook and Ladder with their apparatus. The five companies under the supervision of the fire companies, went through with their usual exercises, including the testing of the power of their engines to throw water. The display was quite satisfactory. The state militia company of the place, under command of Capt. Harrington, went through the customary drill of the company. The ranks, we noticed, were hardly full — numbering some less than forty. The cavalry paraded at Lyndon, the boys of "Walter No. 3," claim a victory over No. 1, at least, and even indicate that their playing was hardly equal to No. 2.

BOYS' HUNT.

A bear was found on Saturday at the head of Joe's pond, in Danville, in a sugar house.

A large party of men with guns started out, and after chasing him nearly

to South Walden, killed him. He was a young bear, and weighed about two hundred pounds. His carcass was bid off at auction for \$10.

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A man by the name of Horace Fowler, local preacher at Irasburg, closed his labors on Wednesday.

The evidences of guilt seem to have been so conclusive that the five clergymen composing the council unanimously decided to silence him. Mr. Fowler has proured bail in the case of private damages brought by J. T. Allen, Esq., father of the girl, and still remains in Irasburg.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

While taking down an old barn at Wells,

some timbers fell, one of the posts striking Robert Wakely, the master workman, smashing in his skull and killing him instantly. Deceased leaves a wife and child and a numerous circle of friends to mourn his loss.

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The large factory of Hon. Prosper Merrill at Fitchell, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday evening last. Loss estimated at over \$100,000. Mr. Merrill was but partially insured. There was a heavy stock of cloths and cassimères in the building at the time.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

This was an action to recover part of

profits on sale of stock and farm in which plaintiff claimed an interest by reason of an agreement between him and debtors that debtors should furnish some money and enjoy one-half the profits. Testimony was all taken by both parties, but before pleas were made proceedings were quashed.

Bartlett and Belden vs. Pitts; Burkes and debtors.

No. 21. Chas. A. Kittredge vs. Town of Walden. This was an action to recover bounty of \$300, to which volunteers from

said town were entitled, under call of Oct. 17, 1863.

Start, Ross and Pierce for plif.; Davis and Redfield for debt. On trial.

Death of a Prominent Citizen of Hardwick.

L. H. Delano, Esq., died suddenly at his residence in Hardwick on Thursday at 10 o'clock. In the forenoon several sheep were sheared, but the principal part of the show took place after dinner. The attendance in the forenoon was quite respectable, but much larger in the afternoon. The interest manifested was most extensive, probably, as the managers anticipated. It is a new thing in this section of the state, and may hereafter assume greater importance, and elicit as much interest as such occasions do in other counties of the state. The premiums awarded were as follows: 1st, two year old buck, C. A. Sylvester; 2d, yearling buck, C. A. Sylvester; 3d, two year old doe, C. A. Sylvester; 4th, two year old doe, Charles Gates. The shearers were awarded on upon the greatest weight of wool compared to the live weight, and best breeds, and to the shearers equally except the first named. There were fourteen entries of sheep—all the wool.

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